

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on February 24, 2010 and attended by Examiner Katherine M. Dowe and Applicants' Attorney William H. Shreve at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claims 5 (apparatus) and 27 (method).

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent Nos. 6,544,249 B1 and 6,464,724 B1 to Yu et al. ("Yu") and Lynch et al. ("Lynch") respectively.

Proposed Amendments

None.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants' Representative presented arguments as to why it would not be obvious to modify Yu to deliver multiple implants and discussed the possibility of submitting a Rule 1.132 Declaration in support of same. Addition of further structural limitations to apparatus claims was also discussed.

Results of Interview

The Examiner indicated that prosecution of the method claims may place the application in condition of allowance.